

projects were in last year—not new ones. That money makes up the same pot of money from whence comes all of the DOE's nondefense research projects and all the water projects.

So we start off with that one pot of money, short \$1.3 billion, and the President picked and chose what he would like to increase. As a matter of fact, he increased certain water projects that he has been for and forgot about the water projects that the rest of the Congress has been for, including very important projects.

Now, in order to get around that, we had to find money from places that he had dramatically increased. Even at that, we only funded those projects at between 60 and 70 percent, meaning it will cost us more money in the long run, the projects will be delayed, and some of them are very big, important projects for commerce such as ports that are to be dredged, with facilities to be built.

It wasn't, when we put this bill together, that with some kind of gusto we set about to dramatically reduce the programs that are the subject matter before the Senate right now. It was that we had an obligation to fund that fund at 60 or 70 percent. That is all we could do for the myriad of water projects across this land which have a tremendous economic impact and which save much property and save much life when they are completed.

Now, that puts in the position we are when we come to the floor here. Everybody understands that we are not going to have it much easier in conference, although thanks to the chairman of the Appropriations Committee a little more money was allocated to this committee than the President's budget because of the water project dilemma that I have just described.

Now, that is the essence of why this bill has difficulty. It is not even funded in many areas as high as it was last year. Certainly, the water projects don't have sufficient resources to stay on the course that was there. That was the best course, the optimum course, in terms of efficiency and getting the projects done so that we would save lives and save property at the earliest time.

Having said that, with no objection from the ranking member on the other side, we will accept this amendment and do our very best in conference to see that solar energy and the items mentioned in the amendment, that the funding is increased from what we had in our bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment.

The amendment (No. 2715), as modified, was agreed to.

Mr. DOMENICI. I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. REID. I move to lay it on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. DOMENICI. I thank Senator JEFFORDS for his cooperation.

Mr. JEFFORDS. I thank the chairman of the committee as well as the ranking member for their assistance in this. I am hopeful we are making an important step forward here in our energy self-reliance.

I yield the floor.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, in stark contrast to the last 3½ weeks, this bill is moving along very rapidly. I announce to the Senate that we can, indeed, finish this bill by midafternoon. The amendments that we are aware of that have come either through the minority, through my good friend, Senator REID, or through our side, are being worked on and we don't think there is a rollcall vote necessary on any of those. There is one amendment that the distinguished Senator from Indiana, the junior Senator from Indiana, intends to offer. It is not related exactly, to this bill, but he indicates that he will be here about 2 o'clock.

In the meantime, we are going to try to work on the amendments we have and see if we can put a package together and accept them. That will be all we will have until 2 o'clock, unless some Senator has some amendment of which we are unaware.

I really want to make sure that everybody knows I have checked with the leader. He knows of no other business on this bill, and he wants to finish this afternoon. By 2 o'clock I hope we can have the Indiana Senator call up his amendment. Again, I indicate that is the last amendment we know about.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we would like to go to third reading early this afternoon. I say, also, to elaborate on what my friend from New Mexico says, there has been a lot of partisan rancor on this floor the last several weeks. But as I said when we introduced this bill yesterday, there are times on this Senate floor—a lot more often than people are led to believe—when things move along very well, in a bipartisan fashion. There is no better example of that than every year when we get to the appropriations bills. Sometimes we have partisan problems, but not often. I think the two leaders of this Appropriations Committee, the senior Senator from Alaska and the senior Senator from West Virginia, have set a very good tone as to how we should move on these bills. They work very well together, and they have for many years. The Senator from New Mexico and I have worked together for a number of years on this bill.

This is a good bill, a very important bill for this country, not only for domestic purposes, water projects, but also for the security of this Nation. Much of what is in this \$21 billion appropriations bill deals with security of this Nation, our nuclear arsenal—the safety and reliability of our nuclear arsenal.

So I say to my friends in the Senate that not everything we do is partisan in nature. There are certain things that rise above that. This bill is one of

those times when partisanship should have no bearing, as it hasn't in the last several years.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I have already stated for the RECORD and for the Senators what the situation is on this bill.

The managers' staffs are working on a managers' wrap-up amendment, which we think we can have done by 2 o'clock. Senator COATS will be here to offer an amendment. There will be nothing we can do until 2 o'clock.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there be a period for the transaction of routine morning business until 2 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### AMBASSADOR BILL RICHARDSON TO BECOME SECRETARY OF ENERGY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today an announcement was made by the President that we are going to have a new Secretary of Energy, Bill Richardson, a former Congressman from the State of New Mexico, now our ambassador to the United Nations.

In 1982, I came to the Congress with Bill Richardson. We were both in the class of 1982. He had a long and distinguished career in the House where he served honorably on a number of committees, including Commerce. Of course, during the time he was a Member of the House of Representatives, he did some very unusual but very important diplomatic maneuvers—freeing various people held as political prisoners, and other efforts, which were extremely important, not only to this country but for world peace. The President had recognized that and he selected Bill Richardson to be our ambassador to the United Nations, where he has served honorably.

The need for former Congressman Richardson, now Ambassador Richardson, to return to Washington has been noticed by the President. As a result of Secretary Pena retiring, we now have a tremendous need for someone who understands Washington, and certainly Bill Richardson does that; someone who understands Government, and certainly Bill Richardson does understand Government; someone who has an understanding of the importance of the Energy Department, and Bill Richardson has that understanding based upon

his being from New Mexico where so much dealing with things nuclear have taken place for the last 60 years.

So, Mr. President, I am elated and enthused about the new Secretary Richardson. He has big shoes to fill, as Secretary Pena has done an outstanding job. Secretary Pena has approached his job in a bipartisan fashion. Even though he is part of this administration, he has reached out to Chairman DOMENICI and the ranking member of this subcommittee in trying to be fair and reasonable in his approach to issues that are so important to this country and to the world.

I applaud and commend the administration for selecting Bill Richardson to be the next Secretary of Energy.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### CONGRATULATING THE DETROIT RED WINGS ON WINNING THE 1998 STANLEY CUP

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise to speak on S. Res. 251, which has been introduced by myself and Senator ABRAHAM, which I am confident will be passed later on today. This resolution congratulates the Detroit Red Wings for their second successive Stanley Cup victory. Tuesday night, the Red Wings defeated the Washington Capitals 4 to 1. This is the second time in 2 years that the Red Wings have swept the Stanley Cup finals—four straight.

In perhaps the most moving and memorable moment of the evening, after the victory, the Stanley Cup was placed in the lap of Vladimir Konstantinov, who was injured after last year's Stanley Cup victory in an automobile accident. I have come to know Vlady and his wife Irina during this past year, when they have recovered, at least partly, from that terrible tragedy of a year ago. What is extraordinarily moving is the way the Red Wings—indeed, all the Red Wings' fans—have become a closer family as a result of that accident, the way they have surrounded Vlady with love and support. The whole town—indeed, our whole State and to some extent the entire country—has come to the support of Vladimir Konstantinov. When he was pushed in his wheelchair around the ice at the MCI Center on Tuesday night, with the Stanley Cup in his lap, surely we reached a new height in terms of what family means and what family is all about.

The Red Wings have surely the greatest hockey fans on Earth. Detroit lives and breathes hockey, and there are a legion of fans all over our State and throughout the country who came to

the MCI Center on Tuesday night. There was a sea of red shirts in the stands. I was one of those who had the pleasure of being there to see this very, very special victory. I also, though, want to not just pay my respects and appreciation to the players who brought home the cup again, and the Konstantinovs and those who supported that team, but also to the Caps fans who treated the Red Wings fans in the audience with such decency and civility.

I have been to a lot of Red Wings games away from home where that was not true, where the opponents' fans, indeed, were quite hostile to their opponents. But on Tuesday night, as was true on Saturday night, the Caps fans treated us very, very civilly indeed. And when it came that moment, that very magic moment in the third period when the fans were serenading Vlady, who was sitting up with Irina in the stands, the Caps fans joined with the Red Wings fans in the arena singing, "Vlady, Vlady, Vlady." That was also a moment I will always remember and cherish. Our captain, Steve Yzerman, won the Conn Smythe Trophy, deservedly so. He has been an extraordinary role model for so many young players, as Detroit Red Wings before him were role models for him.

Speaking just for one more moment on that subject, when I was young and my brother Sander was young, we used to go down to Olympia frequently with my mother, going up to the cheapest seats available, three flights up in the balcony, where we rooted for an earlier generation of great Red Wings, the so-called Production Line of Sid Abel, Gordie Howe and Ted Lindsay, and our great goalie Terry Sawchuk in those years, in the fifties, who brought home the Stanley Cup on many occasions to Detroit.

That has happened again this week. The Red Wings fans, perhaps a million of them, have just finished celebrating in a parade down Woodward Avenue from the Fox Theater to the Hart Plaza. The Hart Plaza, by the way, is named after a former U.S. Senator, one who touched the hearts and the souls of this body, Phil Hart. The place where that parade started was the Fox Theater, and it was very appropriate that that be the place because that theater has been restored by the Ilitchs, Mike and Marian Ilitch, who are the owners of the Detroit Red Wings. I only wish I could be there to greet my friends the Ilitchs in person today, to thank them again for what they have done for our city. But how sweet that victory was, how moving that victory was, how important these events are in terms of gluing our communities together, bringing us together as family.

With the shouts of, "Go, Wings, go!" still ringing in my ears, they now can savor the victory of a Stanley Cup. Just as their names are engraved on that cup, so their names will be engraved in this resolution when it

passes, after Senator ABRAHAM has an opportunity to get to the floor.

With that, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I understand that we are in morning business. However, the pending business, beginning at 2 o'clock, is the Energy and Water appropriations bill. I will make a couple of comments about the legislation brought to the floor by Senator DOMENICI and the ranking member, Senator REID.

I am a member of the Subcommittee on Energy and Water, and I support this piece of legislation. I think Senator DOMENICI and Senator REID have done a wonderful job. I understand that a lot of the details of this legislation will not be discussed at great length today, but I want to mention a couple of things in this bill just for purposes of alerting people that there are some significant problems that are being addressed, especially in the State of North Dakota, in this legislation.

One piece of this legislation deals with funding for something called the Garrison Diversion Project. Now, that is a foreign language to most people, and no one really would be expected to know much about the Garrison Diversion Project in North Dakota. But I want to give some history, just for a few brief minutes, about this project and why it is important.

Many years ago, the Missouri River—which was an aggressive, large river coming out of the mountains in Montana—was untamed, and during the spring flooding it would race down over its banks, and in the lower regions of the Missouri River down in Kansas City and elsewhere you would have massive flooding, flooding, in fact, all the along the way, including cities in North Dakota. It became a huge problem. Federal officials said let us try to harness the Missouri River with a series of dams. They proposed a series of "stem" dams on the Missouri River and one would have been in North Dakota.

In the 1940s, the Federal officials said the folks downstream want the river harnessed so it won't flood, so they don't have all the problems downstream. What we would like to do is build a dam in your State. We would like to have a flood come to your State—behind the dam—that comes and stays forever. The flood in your State of North Dakota will be a 500,000-acre flood about the size of the State of